

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-60. (Canceled).

61. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said data storage comprises removable media.

62. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 61, wherein said removable media comprises flash memory.

63. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said audio source comprises a streaming media file.

64. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for annotating a document comprising:

a mobile apparatus;
data storage coupled to said mobile apparatus, said data storage
configured to store a text document and a plurality of audio comments, each of
said stored plurality of audio comments annotating said text document and

being linked to said text document;

a document processing engine coupled to said mobile apparatus, said document processing engine configured to obtain an audio content conversion of said stored text document and at least a subset of said stored plurality of audio comments for playback as an audio source; and

an annotator coupled to said mobile apparatus;

said mobile apparatus comprising:

an audio playback interface configured to receive at least one command for controlling playback of said audio source from a user;
an audio input interface configured to obtain at least one new audio comment from said user at a point in said playback specified by said user,

said annotator being configured to cause said new audio comment to be saved via said data storage as an annotation linked to a location in said text document based on said point in said playback specified by said user.

The apparatus of claim 60, wherein each of said plurality of audio comments annotating said text document is stored via a file structure comprising an annotations names file, said annotations names file comprising an entry for each user identifying users annotating said text document, wherein for each user identified in said annotations names file said file structure further comprises an annotations index file and an annotations file, and wherein said annotations file

comprises at least one entry for a comment annotating said text document by said identified user and said annotations index file relates a location in said text document to said comment by said identified user.

65. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein said annotations names file corresponding to said text document includes an entry identifying said mobile apparatus user.

66. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein another audio comment obtained from said user annotates one of said plurality of audio comments, said file structure further comprising an annotations names file associated with said annotated comment, wherein said annotated comment's annotations names file has an associated annotations index file and an associated annotations file, and wherein said associated annotations index file relates a location in said annotated comment to said other audio comment.

67. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein said file structure comprises a hierarchical tree structure which comprises:
a document file corresponding to said text document at a top level;
said annotations names file corresponding to said document file at a second level below said top level;

said annotations index file and said annotations file corresponding to said annotations names file at a third level below said second level,

 wherein said third level is followed by some number of sub-levels, each sub-level corresponding to a comment and comprising a top level comprising an annotations names file identifying a name of at least one user annotating said comment, and an annotations index file and an annotations file associated with said comment-associated annotations names file.

68. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein each audio comment of said plurality of audio comments has a corresponding name of a user providing said audio comment, and said mobile apparatus user identifies one or more commenting users whose comments said mobile apparatus user wishes to be played back while ~~the~~ said mobile apparatus user is experiencing the audio source.

69. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said mobile apparatus is a smart mobile apparatus comprising said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

70. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~60~~ 64, wherein said mobile apparatus is a telephone coupled to at least one computing device comprising said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

71. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~60~~ 64, wherein said mobile apparatus is coupled to at least one computing device comprising some or all of said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

72. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~60~~ 64, wherein said mobile apparatus comprises one or more of said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

73. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~72~~ 69, wherein said smart mobile apparatus is a smart telephone.

74. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~72~~ 69, wherein said smart mobile apparatus is coupled to a computing device, and wherein said computing device comprising one or more of said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.